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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
(Case No. 04-715)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.